



**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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November 25, 2009

Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp  
Commanding General  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Lisa P. Jackson  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Lieutenant General Van Antwerp & Administrator Jackson:

On November 23, 2009 I sent a letter to Colonel Vincent Quarles of the US Army Corps of Engineers expressing my disappointment that Asian Carp DNA had been found past the electrical barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship canal.

In that letter, I called for a quick solution to prohibiting these Asian Carp from entering and irreparably harming Lake Michigan forever. This crisis threatens the entire Great Lakes commercial and sport fisheries industries, collectively valued at more than \$7 billion annually.

Today, I'm requesting that you to immediately undertake a review of closing the locks at the Chicago Sanitary and Ship canal. The last barrier between the Asian Carp and Lake Michigan are the lock and dams that control boat traffic between Lake Michigan and the canal. These structures may have to be temporarily locked shut until all precautionary steps have been taken to insure that the Asian Carp do not reach the Lake.

I understand the hardships this action may cause and believe that sufficient notice should be provided so that goods and commodities can be shipped on alternative modes. Without quick action from your respective agencies, the economic and ecological devastation these fish will have on Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes will be difficult, if not impossible to reverse.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett  
Mayor

c: Senator Herb Kohl  
c: Senator Russ Feingold